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There is a general order that foreign citizens living in Rumania are to be repatriated, without consideration of their nationality. Between 1946 and 1951, for instance, about 40,000 Poles were sent to Silesia, where they received houses and other property formerly belonging to the Germans. Most of these people were miners from the Petrosani and Bucovina districts, where several villages were evacuated. In some cases the grandparents of the present occupiers had already left Poland and moved to Rumania. Between 5,000 and 6,000 persons were repatriated to Czechoslovakia, including many born in Rumania, married to Rumanian women, and having no relatives or friends in Czechoslovakia. Most of these evacuees did not know either Polish or Czech. Exceptions were made only for essential workers who were given the choice of repatriation or the adoption of Rumanian citizenship.

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